



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5835



Offered by:
REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **247**

File No. 549

Cal. No. 546

(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

***"AN ACT CONCERNING A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR LOSS OF
CONSORTIUM BY A MINOR CHILD WITH RESPECT TO THE
DEATH OF A PARENT."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 52-205 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

5 (a) In all cases, whether entered upon the docket as jury cases or
6 court cases, the court may order that one or more of the issues joined
7 be tried before the others.

8 (b) In any civil action to recover damages resulting from personal
9 injury or wrongful death that is to be tried to a jury, any party may file
10 a written motion requesting that the court order the trial bifurcated
11 into separate phases consisting of a liability phase and a damages
12 phase. Unless the court determines that the risk of prejudice to the

- 13 party requesting bifurcation is substantially outweighed by the benefit
14 of a single-phase trial, the court shall grant the motion."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	52-205